

Much has been debated on whether BPL will cause massive interference to the Shortwave broadcast and amateur radio portions of the high frequency radio spectrum. I have done some investigation into what BPL interference sounds like, and the interference is powerful enough to drown out even some of the more powerful shortwave transmissions targeted to North America. I like to think of myself as an informed citizen, and I prefer to get my news and views of other cultures from the source, via international shortwave broadcast. BPL has the potential to act as a jamming device, hindering my ability to hear these broadcasts. I access broadband services through DSL, and I have never had a complaint about my service (which is also reasonably priced). Instead of radiating interference over the powerlines and essentially disrupting shortwave and amateur radio services (as BPL will probably do), DSL and satellite services should be further developed, or BPL technologies which operate on another frequency spectrum should be utilized. Before this technology becomes entrenched and prevalent, the desires and rights of all parties should be taken into account, and much more research should be done on levels of interference that BPL produces.